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APPLICANTS: Osmo SUOVANIEMI et al. CONF.: 9571
APPLN. NO.: 09/980,196 GROUP: 1743
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 20, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The present Amendment includes changes to the claims and remarks.